



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO.1077 OF 2026

Gruhlaxmi Mahila Nagri Sahakari Pat-sanstha Maryadit, Gadchiroli

Vs.

The State Information Commissioner, Vidarbha Region, Nagpur & Ors.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders	Court's or Judge's orders
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Mr. U.Y. Sonkusare, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Ms. K.H. Bhondge, AGP for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3/State.

CORAM: PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.

DATED : 06th FEBRUARY, 2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. Petitioner's challenge is to the orders passed by the Authorities under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short "the Act"), by which the petitioner is directed to supply the information about the financial transactions of the Petitioner Bank for the period from 10.11.2017 to 31.03.2019.
3. By placing the reliance upon the judgment of Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in *Writ Petition No.5666/2007 Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Vs. The State Information Commissioner, Vidarbha Region, Nagpur and Others* decided on *13.01.2009*, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned orders are unsustainable, since, the petitioner-bank does not fall within the definition of the Public Suthority as provided under Section 2(h) of the Act.

4. In view of this, issue notice to the respondents, returnable after four weeks.
5. Learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3/State.
6. Petitioner is permitted to serve the remaining respondent by private mode, in addition to regular mode of service and file affidavit of service in that regard by next date.
7. In the meantime, impugned order shall remain stayed.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.)

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